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Nursing Orderlies of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital

* 2662 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 9th October 1954, from the Secretary, Madras Government Hospital Workers' Union, Madras, alleging that heavy hours of duty have been imposed upon the Nursing Orderlies of the Government Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) As the extra duty hours of the Nursing Orderlies in the Government Ophthalmic hospital were reported to be due to the inadequacy of the staff, orders have been issued recently sanctioning the employment of seven additional Nursing Orderlies Grade II (four men and three women) in the Hospital so as to enable the Superintendent of the Hospital to adopt the shift system followed in the other City State Hospitals.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : May I know why the Government have not increased the number of thotis, latchis and sweepers? Will the order sanctioning additional male Nursing Orderlies and female Nursing Orderlies be applied to these employees also?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : Seven additional Nursing Orderlies have been sanctioned for this Hospital, Sir.

SRI K. P. GOPALAN : My question has not been answered. There are other employees in the Hospital besides Nursing Orderlies, like sweepers, thotis and latchis, who are also asked and even forced to work for longer hours. Will the Government be pleased to reduce the working hours for these employees or increase the number of these employees?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : The question asked by the hon. Member referred to Nursing Orderlies. So, information was given about Nursing Orderlies. If he wants information on other matters, he may put a separate question.

11-40 a.m. SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the hours of work for the Nursing Orderlies are fixed by the Government and if so, what is the average number of hours of work which a Nursing Orderly is expected to do in a day of 24 hours?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I cannot give that information off-hand.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM : The Nursing Orderlies are asked to work 12 hours in most of the hospitals. So, will the Hon. Minister look into the matter and see that the working time is reduced to eight hours?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY : I am not sure whether the hon. Member's information is correct. If he puts a separate question, I would consider it.

Staff for land survey work

* 2663 Q.—SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many Tahsildars, Deputy Tahsildars and Revenue Inspectors were appointed for land survey work recently as per instructions of the Government of India;

(b) how many of them were directly appointed;

(c) how many of them by promotion; and

(d) whether the survey work has been completed.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) No Tahsildar was employed but 120 Deputy Tahsildars and 583 Revenue Inspectors were appointed for the Land Census work.

(b) Of the staff employed 188 Revenue Inspectors were appointed by direct recruitment.

(c) 55 Deputy Tahsildars and 7 Revenue Inspectors were appointed by promotion.

(d) Yes Sir. The work have been completed.

Encroachment removal in Turaiyur Panchayat Board

* 2664 Q.—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed recently by Turaiyur Panchayat Board, requesting the Government to take steps to remove the encroachment on either side of the public road, mainly on the bazaar street and on the Tiruchirappalli-Attur main road; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI : The Government have not received any such resolution from the Turaiyur Panchayat. It may, however, be stated that on a representation received previously from the public of the place, the Revenue authorities are taking necessary action to remove the objectionable encroachments on road margins within Turaiyur Panchayat limits and to lease those which are considered unobjectionable.